

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of districts with students like ours: 9.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from good to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from below average to average.

#### Definitions of District Rating Terms

**Excellent-** District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

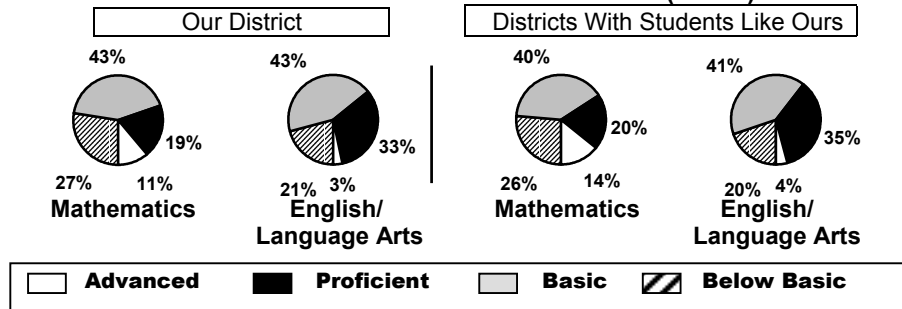
**Good-** District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average-** District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average-** District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory-** District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

### PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



#### DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Percent of Seniors Passing the Exit Exam	Percent of Seniors Qualifying for LIFE Scholarships	Percent of Students Scoring Basic or Above on the PACT	
			ELA	Math
<b>All Students</b>	91.8%	24.3%	79.1%	72.6%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	72.3%	9.5%	32.2%	29.2%
Students without disabilities	92.8%	25.1%	83.3%	76.3%
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	89.3%	21.0%	74.6%	71.5%
Female	93.5%	26.9%	84.3%	74%
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African-American	84.1%	8.4%	64.1%	52.7%
Hispanic	84.6%	30.8%	86.4%	80.6%
White	94.4%	29.8%	85.2%	80.5%
Other	93.3%	27.8%	81.7%	76.3%
<b>Lunch Status</b>				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	84.1%	3.8%	65.1%	56.5%
Pay for Lunch	92.3%	26.4%	85.5%	79.8%

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	1999	2000	2001
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	66.1%	73.2%	72.4%
Passed 2 subtests	19.2%	16.3%	16.6%
Passed 1 subtest	9.2%	7.9%	7.3%
Passed no subtest	5.5%	2.6%	3.7%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	69.8%	75.2%	75.7%
Passed 2 subtests	16.2%	14.1%	13.4%
Passed 1 subtest	9.0%	7.4%	7.1%
Passed no subtest	5.0%	3.3%	3.8%

#### LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

	Eligible	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	24.3%	52.9%	27.8%
Districts Like Ours	25.9%	55.3%	27.8%

**College Admissions Tests:** Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
District	504	496	494	492	998	988	18.7	19.4	19.0	19.4	19.7	19.8	19.3	19.6	19.3	19.7
State	484	486	482	488	966	974	18.7	18.8	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.5	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3
Nation	505	506	514	514	1019	1020	20.5	20.5	20.7	20.7	21.4	21.3	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0

*These tests were administered to samples of students:*

**Terra Nova Test:** A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

**National Assessment of Education Progress :** A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Test	Grade	Year	Percent of Students				Percent of Students			
			Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

## DISTRICT PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>DISTRICT</b>				
• Dollars per student	\$5,593	N/A	\$5,671	\$6,464
• Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 90.2%	90.6%	89.4%
• Student-teacher ratio	21.3 to 1	N/A	21.8 to 1	20.2 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0%	N/A	0.3%	0.6%
<b>STUDENTS (n=16,471)</b>				
• Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	34%	N/A	55.6%	43.8%
• Attendance Rate	96.3%	Up from 95.8%	96%	95.7%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	1.2%	N/A	4.8%	5.8%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	1.1%	N/A	3.8%	4.5%
• Retention rate	4.6%	Up from 3.7%	4.1%	6.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=1,090)</b>				
• Professional development days per teacher	8.3 Days	Up from 7.7	7.7 Days	7.8 Days
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.8%	95.6%	95.2%
• Advanced Degrees	47%	Down from 49.3%	53.5%	44.4%
• Continuing contracts	78.3%	Up from 76.6%	81.5%	81.4%
• Out-of-field permits	2.3%	Up from 0%	1.8%	2.2%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	88.7%	Down from 90.2%	91%	89.5%
• Average salary	\$37,005	Up 3.6%	\$38,843	\$37,143

## DISTRICT FACTS

<b>DISTRICT</b>				
• Annual dropout rate	3.5%	Up from 2.6%	2.3%	2.9%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	56.2%	N/A	55%	50.9%
• Superintendent's years in the district	2	N/A	8	3.5
• Parent conferences	82.3%	N/A	78.1%	81.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	15	No change	13	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	N/A	0	0
• Portable classrooms	5.4%	N/A	2%	6.5%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	90.1%	Down from 92.3%	97.6%	97.5%
• Average administrative salary	\$65,157	Up 2.4%	\$65,484	\$64,098
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Suspensions and expulsions	454	N/A	81	100
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	16.8%	Up from 12.6%	14.9%	10.5%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	7.9%	Up from 6.9%	9.4%	10.5%

Dorchester 2 School District  
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**Grades** K-12

**Enrollment:** 16,471 Students

**Superintendent** Joseph R. Pye 843-873-2901

**Board Chair** Bufort Blanton, Jr. 843-873-8454

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### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dorchester School District Two is located in the southern part of Dorchester County. Our attendance area includes the towns of Givhans, Jedburg, and Summerville, as well as areas of Oakbrook, Ladson, and North Charleston. Over the years, our attendance area has managed to retain its small town charm while learning to cope with the advantages and disadvantages brought on by growth.

We are proud to serve nearly 17,000 students in our sixteen schools with over 2,000 employees. All of our schools have received accreditation from the Southern Assoc. of Colleges and Schools. Our parent organizations continue to be recognized statewide yearly. We continue to be recognized for our outstanding volunteer and business partners programs with over 500 businesses and literally thousands of volunteers. The state's PTA Volunteer of the Year is from Dorchester Two. For the fifth time, our district has had a principal named SC PTA Principal of the Year. We are also blessed to have a very dedicated, supportive, and committed board and community.

Again this year, our district was well recognized in MathCounts, the Lowcountry science and math competitions, Quiz Bowl, and Quest competitions. Our foreign language program produced an 8th Place national finalist in French competition and a 1st place in the state. Students of Latin were recognized nationally for excellence receiving gold and silver medals. We also received a 1st place award in the state's poster design for geography. We had a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Our district boasts state championships in Track and Field, Wrestling, and Girls' Swim Team. Our teachers received considerable recognition allowing us to boast of a SC Middle School Art Educator and a SC Social Studies Teacher of the Year. Five teachers received national board certification this year. Dorchester Two is also proud that one of our current board members is President of the SC School Board Association.

As we continue to strive for excellence, the challenges we face are obtaining adequate funding from local, state, and federal sources, facilities and space to accommodate our programs, and technology needs.

Our motto, "Quality, Tradition, Vision," underscores our mission to provide every person with the skills necessary for living and learning in the changing world by providing quality instruction in a collaborative, cooperative, safe environment in which learners' needs and differences are acknowledged and respected, potential is recognized and responsibility to the community is encouraged.

Joseph R. Pye

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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